

## BMP 027 - Stencil Signs on Storm Drain Inlets



**Description of Potential Pollutant and Source:** Storm drain inlets generally discharge to storm drains or directly into receiving waters (i.e., rivers, oceans, lakes). Some storm drain inlets lead to water quality facilities, such as oil/water separators. However, such facilities are typically only 40 to 80 percent effective in reducing pollutant concentrations and may not be effective in treating storm flows. Therefore, material, such as used oil, solvents, and solid waste, that enters the storm drains may be exposed to storm water.

**Description of BMP:** Clearly mark storm drain inlets to warn against illegal dumping.

**Application Guidance:** All storm drain inlets will be properly labeled.

**Training:** N/A

**Effectiveness and Cost:** Stenciling storm drains is a variably effective, inexpensive BMP.

**Limitations:** None